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BLAME OFFICIALS FOR NONCOMPLETION OF ASSIGNMENT -- Pravda, 12 May 50

Some of the managerial personnel of the Ministry of Machine-Tool Building have not manifested a conscientious attitude toward the fulfillment of their obligations. Last year, enterprises of the Ministry should have supplied the metallurgical industry with dozens of screw, nut-cutting, and thread-generating automatics for the production of hardware. Noncompletion of this important assignment within the time limit was mainly the fault of workers of the Main Administration of Machine-Tool Building (Glavstankoprom) as well as the Technical Administration and Production Department of the Ministry of Machine-Tool Building. As a result of inefficient, clerical, and bureaucratic styles of operation, output of these very important machine tools was delayed.

The Melitopol Machine-Tool Plant manufactured an experimental model of a screw automatic last March. On four different occasions the plant requested the Main Administration and Ministry to send a commission to approve the completed automatic. After 5 months, the commission finally arrived. However, the conclusions drawn by the commission were not reviewed by the Technical Administration of the Ministry until 37 days after their presentation. This is a striking example of the lackadaisical attitude which prevails toward such matters.

MATERIALS LACKING AT LATVIA'S ONLY ABRASIVE PLANT -- Sovetskaya Latvya, 28 May 50

Because of a lack of raw material, a very serious situation has arisen at Latvia's only abrasive factory, which belongs to the Riga Leninskiy Industrial Combine. Latvian industry needs corundum and artificial corundum abrasives. However, the factory has not received these materials for several months. Instead, it was suggested that grains removed from grinding wheels after dressing be used. These are unsuitable for new production.

The Ministry of Local Industry of the republic knows about the interruptions in the supply of raw material. The Riga City Executive Committee, which supervises the industrial combine, also knows about this situation. However, no measures have been taken to improve delivery of supplies to the enterprise.

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Equipment at the factory is old and worn out and needs capital repair or replacement. In this case too, both the Ministry and City Executive Committee do not want to help.

TAKE MEASURES TO RECTIFY LAST-MINUTE SPEEDUP -- Trud, 24 May 50

An article printed in Trud, No 84, criticized last-minute speedup taking place at the Sverdlovsk Tool Plant month after month.

Degtyarenko, chief of the Main Administration for Tool Production of the Ministry of Machine-Tool Building USSR, informed the editor that the correspondent had correctly indicated the shortcomings in plant operation.

The managerial personnel at the milling machine shop were replaced. Kirsh, chief of the broaching shop, was warned that concealing overtime work would not be tolerated. The Main Administration heard a report by Dunayev, the plant's chief engineer, and then set down concrete measures for eliminating the shortcomings outlined in the article.

SCORE HIGH REJECT RATE, DISORGANIZATION -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 24 May 50

The output of imperfect products is becoming standard procedure at the Chimkent Press and Automatics Plant.

At the assembly shop, four large pulleys were rejected by the inspector, who found blisters and cracks on them. The plant suffered considerable loss as a result and output of the machines was delayed.

Rejects at the foundry are reaching massive proportions. The chief of the foundry blames the poor quality of molding sand. He claims that since bringing in sand from Chkalov has not been authorized, his shop must use sand which can be obtained locally. This is not a justifiable excuse since other enterprises using the same type of sand do not find it unsuitable. The fault actually lies in the poor organization and poor training of personnel.

Similar conditions exist at many of the other shops although the shops are not alone at fault. Fridman, the plant's chief designer, charged the bad design of one of the machines, which was a substantial improvement over the old method of casting; but he forgot to inform the machinists of the change. Thus, a very large part was machined according to the old drawing and consequently was destined to be scrapped.

It is up to the plant management to put a stop to the large number of rejects. However, Banduganov, the plant director, and Tarasov, chief engineer, continue to tolerate this situation and are attempting to compensate for these losses by last-minute speedup. It is needless to say that last-minute speedup is not a solution but an additional detriment to completing state assignments.

Of course, there are a few workers at the plant who produce work representing samples of stakhanovite labor and demonstrate the abundant possibilities for producing good work at the plant.

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MACHINE-TOOL PLANT SUPPLIES FOUNDRY WITH LATHE -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 11 May 50

A new screw-cutting lathe was installed at the Vil'nyus Puntukas Machine-Molding Plant on 10 May. This lathe, model 1615, was produced by the Srednevolzhskiy Plant in 1949.

ASK BETTER UTILIZATION OF METAL -- Zarya Vostoka, 23 May 50

At machine-building and machine-tool building plants the cost of metal comprises 60 percent of the entire cost for each item. For example, in the manufacture of DIP-300 machine tools, which are produced exclusively by the Tbilisi Machine-Tool Plant imeni Kirov, the material cost comprises more than half the total cost of the machine. This shows why it is so important to utilize metal efficiently and avoid undue waste.

As a result of failing to fully utilize all plant reserves in this field, the plant, during the first quarter, suffered the loss of two machine tools which could have been manufactured if metal had not been wasted.

TO REPLACE GRINDING WITH MILLING -- Trud, 21 May 50

The Kharkov Mine-Surveying Instruments Plant supplies the coal industry with precision instruments.

Ordinarily, flat pieces are machined on grinding machines. I. Kurmanov, a lathe-man at this plant, has been working on a technical problem the solution of which will replace grinding with high-speed milling. However, he has encountered serious difficulties.

Professor Kostyukov of the [Kharkov ?] Machine-Building Institute has offered to help Kurmanov to overcome the difficulties which have arisen. Both men are confident that this can be done.

The application of the new method will make it possible to replace expensive abrasives with milling cutters and to accelerate considerably the machining of parts.

ASSEMBLE HEAVY MACHINE TOOL IN 20 DAYS -- Trud, 27 May 50

A line of completed high-power machine tools is ready for shipment at the Novosibirsk Tyazhstankogidropress Plant. The machine tools are intended for machining parts up to 4 meters in length. In 1946 it took several months to manufacture the first universal planing machine. Now this machine can be assembled in 20 days.

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